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Gentlemen

The Candidates for degrees in medicine who now appear before ~~you~~ have spent the usual time required by the laws of our University in attending the different medical lectures, and have undergone the usual <sup>private</sup> examination upon all its branches. As the last test and evidence of their abilities and knowledge, they have prepared dissertations upon medical subjects, which they now come forward to defend against such objections as shall be made to them by their professors. It has been said by the celebrated Dr

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Adam Smith that "Universities are  
the dull repositories of exploded opinions"

— However true this may be in  
some European ~~countries~~ <sup>Universities</sup>, the Opinions  
entertained in the Disser-  
tations now before us, clearly prove

that the Censure does not apply  
to the University of Pennsylvania.

— No restraint is ~~here~~ here laid upon  
the boldness and originality of Opini-  
ons, and the Candidates are permitted

to believe and defend such Opinions  
in their Dissertations  
as accord with their own judgments

however contrary they may be to  
the Opinions taught by their  
professors provided they exhibit

nothing <sup>in them</sup> contrary to decency &  
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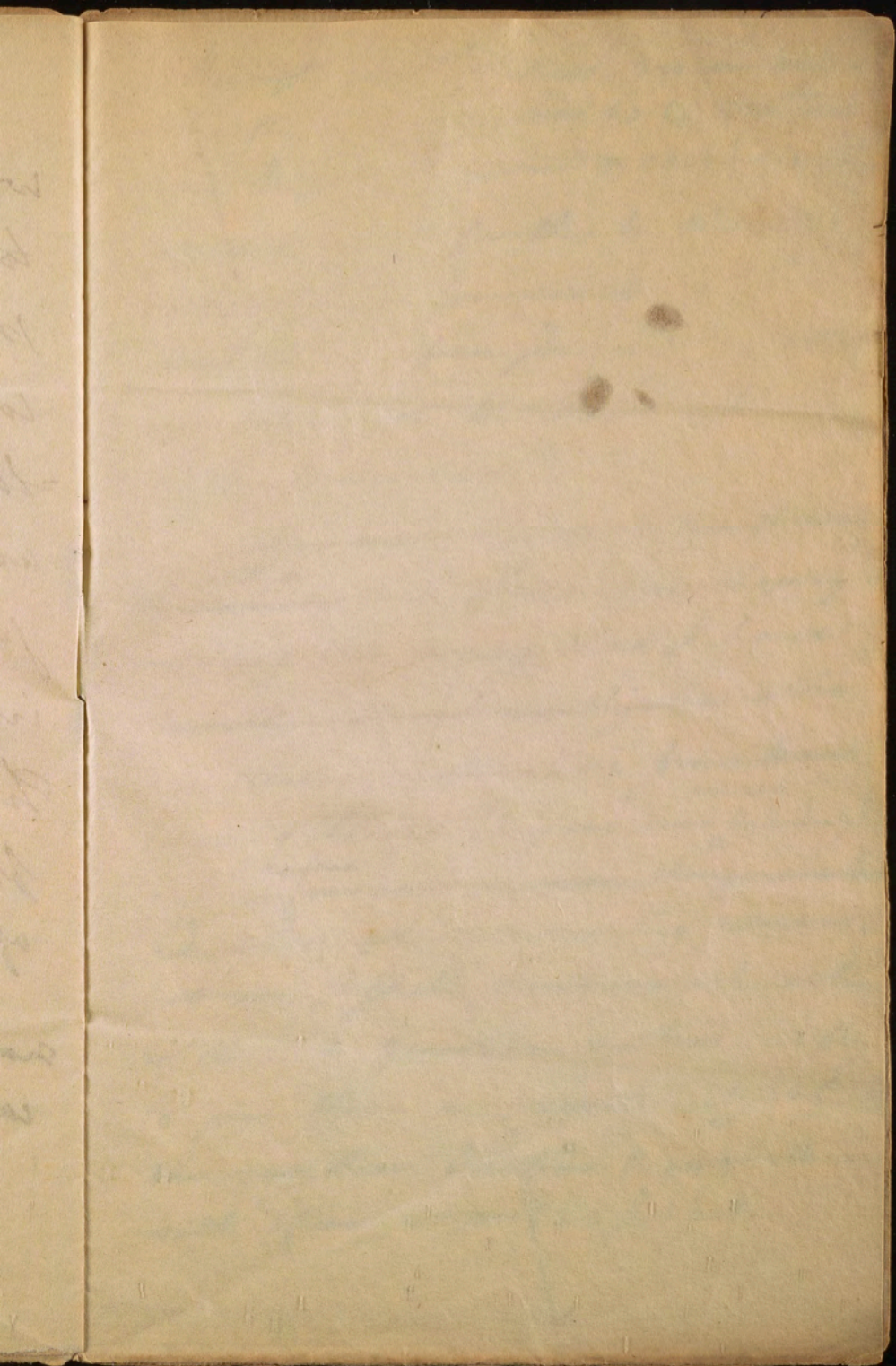
Of that proportion of ~~theses~~  
which has fallen to my share  
to examine, I can say with great  
pleasure they are ~~written~~ well  
composed. — Some of them con-  
tain original matter, and  
all of them if published, would  
justify the Professors of Medicine  
in recommending <sup>these</sup> ~~theses~~ <sup>to the</sup>  
Trustees ~~for as~~ as proper subjects  
for the highest Medical honor  
of our Country.

I shall now <sup>make</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>take</sup>  
~~notice of~~ a few remarks upon  
each of them.

Dissection

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to examine, & then the weight  
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lungs. To me of these are  
their original number, and  
all of them of the same kind  
with the lungs of a human  
in circumstances of the same  
kind as for as the lungs are  
the highest standard of  
of our country, and  
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of strength, but of such an impulse upon the moving fibres as to prostrate them below the point of reaction. The opinion leads further to choose such remedies for removing this debility, as open stimulants, before we attempt to exhibit stimulating medicines.

~~After~~ ~~now~~ ~~an~~ ~~extensive~~ ~~perusal~~  
of ~~both~~ ~~of~~ ~~each~~ ~~of~~ ~~these~~ ~~theses~~, I am happy in being able to say, that I have ~~derived~~ ~~instant~~ ~~no~~ ~~objections~~ ~~to~~  
~~me~~ ~~derived~~ ~~instruction~~ ~~from~~ ~~them~~.  
reading them. They discover <sup>much</sup> acuteness, and <sup>superior</sup> ~~information~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~general~~  
<sup>great</sup> ~~sub~~ ~~strength~~ ~~of~~ ~~reasoning~~ ~~powers~~.  
~~not~~ ~~as~~ I shall however ask each of them a question or two, chiefly to give them an opportunity of showing their further acquaintance with their respective subjects.



